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The Examiner's approval of the drawing corrections indicated in red ink on the attached 4sheets of drawings is respectfully requested.

Upon receipt of approval of the drawing corrections and a formal Notice of Allowance, a bonded draftsman will be retained and the appropriate corrections will be made.

In the event any fees are required in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: 4 Sheets of Corrected Drawings